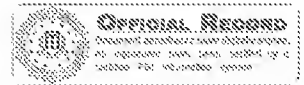


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Assassination, Kidnapping, or Assaulting  
a Member of Congress**Synopsis:** (U) A possible device located on the front door of the district office of US Congressman, Elijah Cummings**Full Investigation Initiated:** 08/07/2013**Details:**

On 8/7/2013 FBI Baltimore was advised by Baltimore City Police Department (BPD) of a possible device located on the front door of the district office of US Congressman Elijah Cummings, 1010 Park Avenue, Baltimore, MD. Per BPD, the device consisted of dark -colored playdough crammed into numerous spots within front door seam. A number of US Postal 'To/From' address labels were also stuck to door. The materials were discovered by one of Congressman Cummings' staffers when unlocking the front door to start the business day. The staffer contacted 911 and BPD responded with patrol and bomb technicians. Initial assessment is that the materials are not a functioning explosive device, and at this time there is no known articulated threat, either on scene or received by Congressman Cummings or his staff.

Initial investigation has determined these types of incidents have been happening during the past week at the same location but with other materials (used condoms and other items). CCTV coverage revealed an individual wearing a 'hoodie' may be responsible.

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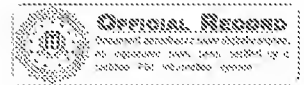
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On Wednesday, August 7, 2013, investigation revealed that a similar incident involving putty had occurred on July 27, 2013 at Baltimore-Washington International Airport. An individual named [REDACTED] placed red putty on the wheel of a Maryland Transit Light Rail car. Maryland Transportation Authority Police spoke with [REDACTED] and cited him for interfering with the train after determining that there was no danger to the train or its occupants. [REDACTED] appearance was consistent with the individual pictured in surveillance video from Congressman Cummings office.

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AUSA Benjamin Block was contacted by SA [REDACTED] to determine the feasibility of federal prosecution. It was explained to AUSA Block that no articulated threat existed in reference to the incident at Congressman Cummings' office. No writing or recording of any variety was left at the office or with staff. Furthermore, despite media coverage to the contrary, no wires, timers or other devices were found with the black putty left at 1010 Park Avenue Suite 105. After a lengthy review of potentially applicable federal statutes, it was determined that no violation of federal law had occurred.

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On August 10, 2013, an individual placed putty on two additional locations in Baltimore. Both the Maryland Office of the Public Defender and the Mitchell Courthouse had putty applied. The following morning, TFO [REDACTED] and Baltimore Police Sergeant [REDACTED] located and interviewed [REDACTED] at his residence at [REDACTED] Baltimore, Maryland. A copy of that interview is attached. [REDACTED] was determined not to be a threat to others or himself and was admonished to cease placing putty on buildings. As of that date, the Office of the State's Attorney had declined to prosecute [REDACTED] on any potential charges.

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